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In re PATENT APPLICATION of: HITOSHI TAKIMOTO

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Title: HEAT COOKING APPARATUS, COOKING TOOL AND HEAT COOKING

SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Before beginning examination, please amend the above-identified U.S. National Stage application as follows: